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PRICE-ONE CENT

RAISE IS VOTED BY COMMITTEE FOR U.S. CLERKS

House Body Reports Measure With Percentage Increase for Workers.

NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL 1918

Raise Is for One Year and At fects Only Employes Under Legislative Bill.

A 10 per cent salary increase for the nent employes receiving less than \$1,200 per annum and a 5 per cent increase for those receiving be-tween \$1,200 and \$1,800 is provided in the 'legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill reported to the House today by the Appropriations Committee.

This constitutes the first general recognition by Congress of the high cost of living as it is related to low salaries paid by the Government. However, the increase applies only

o such employes as are appropriated br in the legislative, executive and udicial budgets. The increase does not become ef-ective until July 1, 1918, and is for he next fiscal year only.

Language of Provision The legislative provision included

in the bill reads: "Sec. 6. That to provide, during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and sighteen, for increased compensation at the rate of ten per centum per annum to employes who receive aries at a rate per annum less than \$1,200, and for increased compensa tion at the rate of five per centum

tion at the rate of five per centum per annum to employes who receive salaries at a rate not more than \$1,800 per annum and not less than \$1,200 per annum, so much as may be necesary is appropriated.

"Provided, That this section shall only apply to the employes of the Library of Congress, the Botanic Garden, and the executive and judicial establishments, who are appropriated for in this act specifically and under lump sums or whose employment is authorized herein.

"Provided further, That detailed reports shall be submitted to Congress on the first day of the next session showing the number of persons, the grades or character of positions, the eriginal rates of compensation, and the increased rates of compensation provided for herein."

The percentage increase does not cover employes in the legislative branch of the dovernment. Clerks in the Senate and House are unaffected.

Congressman Howard, of Georgia, attempted to get through an amendment mereasing the salaries of members secretaries from \$1.500 to \$1.500. This amendment failed in committee on a tie

The committee is understood to have been practically unanimous for the per-centage increase for employes in the executive departments.

The examples set in the bill reported today is likely to be followed in other appropriation bills covering the Depart-ment of Agriculture, the District of Columbia. the Interstate Commerce Commission and various other bureaus and cemmissions not appropriated for

Framed by Subcommittee.

The language contained in egislative bill was submitted by the subcommittee which framed it, headod by Congressman Byrns of Ten-bosses. The full Appropriations Committee adopted it after considera-ble discussion.

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One of the objections likely to be raised against a blanket salary increase on a percentage basis is that it penalizes the lower paid employes. For instance, a clerk or messenger receiving \$5.40 a year would get a \$5.4 increase, while a clerk receiving \$1,150 a year would get a \$115 increase. Thus the first clerk not only gets a smaller salary, but the smaller increase.

Only For One Year. It will also be noted that the legsalative rider provides for increased salaries for the one fiscal year, 1918, and there is nothing in the rider to indicate a statutory change of the existing salary scale.

The language is generally construed to mean that a year hence, in the next bill, Congress can either go back to the old salaries, re-enact the language of this rider or modify it.

Borland Attempt Falls. Congressman Borland, a member of attempt to include once more in the bill his pet rider requiring the Gov-

This amendment was included by the committee last year, but overwhelmingly defeated in the House. When Mr. Borland renewed his longer hours campaign in the committee today he is said to have received but a few scattering votes.

Important changes in the legislative bill as compared with the current law are given in detail below.

No Legislative Riders.

With the exception of the legislative rider providing a percentage increase for Government clerks drawing \$1,800 per year and less, the legis-lative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill as framed by the Byrns (Continued on Seventh Page.)

SUNDAY WINS DRY VOTES

Thirty-five Thousand Men Pledge

Their Support. BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 11.—Thirty-five thousand men have promised Billy Sunday to vôte "No" when the city decides the liquor question a week from tomorrow. In two sermons before two of his

In two sermons before two of his greatest audiences, while over 40,000 people stormed vainly at the doors of people stormed vainly at the doors of the already full tabernacle yesterday, the revivalist hurled shell after shell of bitter denunciation into the ranks of the liquor interests. Off came his collar and down went King Alcohol, as his two huge audi-ences rose in a cheering mass and piedged their votes for prohibition.

COL. HARPER NAMED TO DIRECT INAUGURATION CEREMONIES

Democratic Publicity Chief Woolley Pays Tribute to District Banker in Announcing His Appointment-Latter Appreciates Honor.

Announcement that Col. Robert N.
Harper had been appointed as head of the inaugural committee was made this morning by Robert Woolley, director of publicity of the Democratic national committee, on behalf of Chairman Vance McCormick, who has left the city.

bring about the re-election of President Wilson," he added.

"At the same time I fully recognize that the inaugural ceremony is a celebration in which the entire bacterian and the college of politics, and shall endeavor to make all who visit the Capital at this time feel that it is such."

Colonel Harper was notified of hi appointment shortly before noon. Woolley's Statement.

In connection with the appointmen of Colonel Harper, Mr. Woolley said "Mr. Harper's name was first pre sented to Mr. McCormick by John F Costello, Democratic national committeeman for the District, who stated
that practically all the Democratic
organizations in the District were
unanimous in their indorsement of
Mr. Harper for the chairmanship. It
is a great pleasure to all connected
with the Democratic national committee who know of Mr. Harper's splendid work as chairman for the District
of the finance committee for the national committee, to see him rewarded in this manner.

"At the same time, Chairman McCormick is gratified in being able to
select a man so worthy of the honor
and at the same time one who meets
the approval of the people of the District. Everybody connected with the
national committee in Washington,
and elsewhere will be delighted so
learn of Mr. Harper's selection, I am
sure."

Appreciates Hency. Costello, Democratic national commit

When notified of his appointment "I consider it a very great honor t be selected chairman of the inaugural ommittee, particularly because of the unanimous indorsement of the vari ous Democratic organizations of the

ous Democratic organisations of the District and of business men generally. I sincerely appreciate their kindness in seeking to have this honor conferred upon me."

When questioned regarding the selection of his committee chairmen, Colonel Harper stated that he had not yet had time to give this consideration. "It will be very natural, however, for me to recognize the Democrats of the District whose loyal support helped to

Silent as to Ball. Colonel Harper would not discuss

the possibility of renewing the custom of the inaugural balls. He stated that he could say absolutely nothing regarding this subject until he had conferred with the President.

Colonel Harper has been an active Democratic worker and has been connected in an official capacity with numerous committees that have worked for the general welfare of Washington, and has been identified with many public celebrations and paradas.

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with many public celebrations and parades.

He was chairman of the civic section of the inaugural celebration in 1913. He did excellent work as vice chairman of the citizens' committee which arranged for the entertainment of those attending the G. A. R. reunion here last year, and also was chairman of the committee on finance for this purpose.

Pillid Gother Positions.

Colonel Harper was chairman of the finance committee of the Congression al committee auxiliary for the Democratic campaign in 1912. During the campaign just ended he was chairman of the Democratic national finance committee for the District, and through his efforts more than \$30,000 was raised for the national committee. He was for a number of years president of the Virginia Democratic Asso, clation of this city, and was chairman of the recent torchlight procession in honor of President Wilson.

Colonel Harper is a Mason, and is a member of several clubs both in Washington and New York. He is director of the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce, having served two terms as president of the latter organization. He has organized two national banks, two savings banks and one trust company, and is now president of the District National Bank and director in two Virginia banks.

HURT IN CAR CRASH, **MOTORMAN MISSING**

Driver of Wrecked Trolley Mysteriously Disappears From Aunt's Home.

Police have been asked to locate J. L. Wright, motorman of the Chev. Chase car that crashed into another or of the Capital Traction Company Saturday morning at Seventeenth and apartment of his aunt, Mme. La Bella 912 Fourteenth street northwest, Sat urday evening, and did not return. He was still suffering from a ba wound on the head and cuts abou

the face, his aunt stated today, and the aid of the police was asked be cause of a fear on the part of relatives that he may have fallen ill on the street. Whereshouts a Mysfery.

Inquiry at all hospitals by the po lice, however, failed to reveal his whereabouts.

He returned home about 2:30 o'clock He returned home about 2:30 o'clock
Saturday afternoon, after having
been to a hospital for treatment, and
was still suffering much pain from
the cuts on his head and face.

He laid down for a few hours, and
about 5 o'clock told his aunt he was
going to get a shave. She urged
him to rest a while longer, but he
said he thought he would feel better
if he got a shave and hot bath. No
more has been heard of him.

Native of Arlington. Wright is twenty-four years old and at native of Arlington, Va., wher his parents live. His brother, Frank his parents live. His brother, Frank Wright, of Front Royal, Va., is here. Wright narrowly escaped death, as the platform of his 'car was demolished. Only two other persons besides Wright were injured in the collision. They were Eugene Watson colored, fifteen years old, of 2418 Seventeenth street northwest, who is still at Emergency Hospital with a fractured leg. and Clarence Gardner, colored, forty-one, of 1760 Oregon avenue northwest, who was treated at Emergency for cuts on the face.

CALEDONIA RAMMED U-BOAT Captain of British Liner

Death in Germany. LONDON, Dec. 11 .- The British senger steamship Caledonia, of 9,223 tons, was sunk by a German submared to sink the U-boat by ramming, an nounced a German admiralty state ment last night. The submarine was

slightly damaged. The commander of the steamer Captain Blaikie, was made prisoner by

Captain Blalkie, was made prisoner by the Germans, and it is feared that he will be hanged, as was Capt. Charles Fryatt, of the merchant steamer Brussels, last July.

The capture of Captain Blaikle may furnish an opportunity to test the temper of the new British government. At the time of Captain Fryatt's death many demands were heard in England that the government notify the Germans of reprisals in such an event. Captain Fryatt was accused by the Germans of trying to ram a submar-

ine. He was captured a year after the allaged attempt.

The latest submarine victims are the Norwegian steamers Medium, 1,913 tons. Amicitia, 1,111 tons, and Falk, the British steamer Forth, 525 tons, and the Spanish steamer Bravo, 1,214 tons. The vessels damaged were the British steamers Harlington and H

CHRISTMAS FUNDS TO EXCEED \$600,000

Savings Systems of Washington Provide More Than Half Million to Spend.

More than half a million dollars Washington by banks who have con-This appouncement was made to

day by cashiers of half a dozen insti tutions as accounts in the saving system were closed for this season. This week and next will see this amount spent in the city's clothing the savers, according to estimates ob tained by bankers and merchants. spend all of the money saved during the year for Christmas purposes. Security Savings and Commercial Bank officials predicted today the

amount of Christmas savings would be upward of \$600,000 Will Have Money. This means that, on a per capita basis, 20,000 citizens who were frugal

during the past fifty weeks, will have noney to spend for Christmas things A conservative estimate placed the per capita amount for depositors a

\$30.

"Many people who will receive checks this week would have no money to spend for Christmas if they had not joined one of these savings clubs," a prominent banker said fo-

day.

Approximately half a million dollars was spent by Christmas shoppers last year in the week corresponding to this as a result of these savings accounts, according to returned checks.

About 10 per cent of those who invested in this kind of deposits will return the checks to be added to their savings accounts, it is estimated.

Certificates of Deposit. The checks from the Security Say ings and Commercial Bank are in the form of certificates of deposit, which may be left in the bank and draw at increased rate of interest in the event the sum is not withdrawn within sixty days. If the certificates are left on deposit for six months or longer, they will draw 4 per cent

Interest.

The plan of the clubs is largely uniform, deposits of from 50 cents to \$2 per week constituting the savings. New clubs will be started next week and appeals are being sent out by many institutions for a greater number of depositors for Christmas next

AID MOUNTAIN CHILDREN

Packages In Y. W. C. A. Barrel to Go to Litle Ones in South. Already the big barrel in the hall o the Y. W. C. A. has begun to fill with packages dropped there by members

for the use of the children in the lumber camps of the Southern moun-Miss Ida Hartford, of Washington, is in North Caroline, teaching children of the lumbermen. At Camp 16, Proctor, N. C., there are seventy families with only the barest necessities. The barrel is to be sent there this year.

PREMIER IS ILL, POSTOFFICE IN PRICES FIGHT CRISIS BLAMED

by Doctors Following a Chill.

Vigorous Prosecution of War Is Objective of New

LONDON, Dec. 11 .- Lloyd-George's endeavors of the past week in reconstructing England's government brought him down with A severe chill today.

Physicians' orders, forbade him

leaving his home today, and a letter which the premier wrote to members of Parliament indicated his belief that sion of Parliament tomorrow at which the new cabinet will formally take its place. "The one predominant task before

"The one predominant task before the government is a vigorous prose-cution of the war to a triumphant conclusion." Lloyd-George declared in his letter to members of Parliament. "I am confident I can rely on your support and that you will long de-vote your energies effectively to that end."

While the premier remained in pore, his new ministers were for mally received at Buckingham ace by King George and kissed his majesty's hand. A meeting of the privy council, called at noon, brought seals of the retiring ministers and later delivered these to the newly accredited cabinet members, who are

David Lloyd-George, premier. Earl Curzon, lord president of the ouncil, who also will be government leader in the house of lords.
Arthur Henderson, minister without

Make-up of Cabinet.

Lord Milner, minister without port exchequer, who has ben asked by the premier to act as leader in the House

of Commons and also as a member the war cabinet, without being pected to attend regularly. Balfour Takes Foreign Office. The other members of the ministry, who are not in the war cabinet, are:
Lord high chancellor—Sir Robert Bannatyne Finlay.
Secretary of state for the home department—Sir George Cave.

(Continued on Fifth Page.) FOUR MORE BURGLARIES

Thieves Get Approximately \$300 in Loot During Night.

Thieves broke into four more place in different parts of the city yester day evening and last night, getting approximately \$300 worth of loot. One of the show windows of Will street northwest was broken ducted Christmas savings clubs this and \$240 worth of goods taken. The set worth \$200 and a white fox scarf valued at \$40.

The saloon of Edwin J. Glavin, 309
G street northwest, was entered between closing time Saturday night and this morning and \$45 stolen from

Abraham Klein reported at the Ninth precinct this morning that his store at 1801 Benning road north-east was broken into during the night and \$3.50 and a small amount

night and \$3.50 and a small amount of stock taken.

Chewing gum, cigarettes, some canned goods, and a few cakes of soap were taken, leading the police to believe boys did the job.

John Richardson, janitor, reports the Worcester apartment house, 327 Second street northeast, entered through the basement yesterday evening and clothing valued at \$18 stolen.

THIEF LAUGHS AT POLICE Confessed Robber Simply Gets Free Ocean Voyage.

As a prognosticator, Carlo Giuseppe Maloniar, confessed thief, stands high today in the opinions of the detectives who arrested him for a series of larcenies several weeks ago.

When he was placed in a cell at the First precinct, Maloniar treated his incarceration with levity, and declared with an air of nonchalance that, as he was a Swiss subject, all the punishment that would be meted out to him would be deportation. Then the detectives and police

Then the detectives and police laughed.

Today when Maloniar was arraigned in Criminal Division, No. 1, of the District Supreme Court and pleaded guilty to five counts of larceny the court consented to the deportation of the prisoner when the latter produced a letter from the Department of Labor. Maloniar is now awalting an ocean voyage at the expense of Uncle Sam.

NO D. C. COAL RECEIVED Only Thirty Tons on Hand for Cold

Snap, But More Expected. With cold weather here and more

predicted and only thirty tone in reserve, no coal was received by the purchasing office of the District government this morning, either from the Commercial Coal Company, the contractors, or from the Orenda Coal Company, of Baltimore, from which 1,000 tens were purchased last week.

M. C. Hargrove, purchasing officer, was informed, however, that three car loads from the Orenda company are on their way and are expected to arrive today.

No requests for coal were received from the schools or public buildings this morning, but Mr. Hargrove said demands might be made at any time.

WILLS ESTATE TO WIFE.

George W. Rickett by his will dated January 3, 1913, and filed for probate in the District Supreme Court, today leaves his entire estate in trust to his adopted daughter. Blanche H. Croissant, for his wife. Louisa V. Rickett. On the death of the wife the daughter is to have the estate.

Lloyd-George Ordered to Bed Acts to Cut Cost of Living at Department of Justice Starts Wide Inquiry.

KING GREETS MINISTERS PARCEL POST IS THE PLAN

Chance Inaugurates Plan Force Down Butter, Eggs, and Poultry.

Poultry, eggs, and butter direct from producers in Virginia, Maryland West Virginia to consumers in Washington by parcel post, as a means of bringing down the high cost of living, is the plan Postmaster Merritt O. Chance is making effective today.

within the first and second parcel post sones surrounding Washingto parcels, the postmaster has procured the names and addresses of 1,400 farmers who have eggs, butter, and poultry for sale. All to Get List.

This list is being printed in cir-cular form today, and as soon as fin-ished the circulars will be mailed to every family in Washington, who then can get in direct touch with the

then can get in direct touch with the farmer and source of supply, eliminating entirely the middleman and his profits.

The recent high levels at which produce has been selling has resulted in considerable increase in the use of the parcel post, it is stated.

Postmaster Chance believes, however, that there are hundreds of families in Washington who, either because of ignorance as to the methods of dealing in this manner, or because of lack of information as to where to place orders, are not making use of the parcels post system.

Will Increase Use.

Will Increase Use. Postmaster Chance expects that by thus placing the names of the producers before Washington families the

ducers before Washington families the use of the parcels post as a means of marketing foodstuffs will be greatly increased, and that a material saving will be effected in cost.

"Our action in sending out this list to Washington families is in line with the plan of First Assistant Postmaster General J. C. Koons for reducing the high cost of living by bringing the producers and consumers together through the parcel post," and Postmaster Chance today. "The parcel post has been becoming constantly more popular, and I believe that through the efforts of the department the living cost will be materially reduced."

Gives Pull Information.

The circular issued by Postmaster Chance gives, in addition to the names and addresses of farmers with produce for sale, parcel post rates on produce, the names and addresses of business houses having for sale prop-er receptacles for use in shipping butter, eggs and other supplies. "Nearly all the postoffices mention-ed in the list are in the first and sec-ond zones from Washington," says

"Nearly all the postorfices mentioned in the list are in the first and accound zones from Washington," says the circular, "and the postage required for packages containing eggs and butter is as follows:

"Eggs in pasteboard containers—
Three dozen, 10 cents; four dozen 12 cents; five dozen, 14 cents.

"Butter in pasteboard containers—
One pound, 6 cents; two pounds, 7 cents; three pounds, 8 cents; five pounds, 10 cents.

"The matter of a proper container and adequate packing of parcels is of the utmost importance," continues the circular; "especially in dispatching perishable matter during the summer season. The few complaints that have been received relative to this service have almost invariably proven to be attributable to damage to the parcel and its contents, or to the spoiling of the goods shipped, on account of insecure or insufficient packing.

Containers on Market.

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"Suitable containers are now or the market for safely transporting nearly all classes of produce. It is preferable that such containers be furnished by consumers, who generally have a better opportunity to obtain them."

The Andrews Paper Company and the Morrison Paper Company of this

(Continued on Second Page.) PRESIDENT BUSY

Crowded Social Program Before Executive This Week.

President Wilson's program crowded with social engagements this week. He will attend a theater party tonight, will be host to the Cabine at dinner tomorrow night, and will at dinner tomorrow hight, and will give a dinner at the White House Thursday night to State executives attending the governor's conference. The President and Mrs. Wilson will be guests Friday night at a dinner given by Vice President and Mrs. Mar-

shall.

The President will preside Wednesday at the opening of the annual meeting of the American Red Cross. of which he is honorary president. LODGE GREATGRANDFATHER

Daughter Born to Mr. and Mrs. Grafton Minot.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Masachusetts is a great-grandfather. Word has reached Washington the birth of a daughter Saturday in Berlin to Mr. and Mrs. Grafton Minot, of Boaton.
Mr. Minot is secretary to the American ambassador to Germany, James W. Gerard. Mrs. Minot was Miss Con-stance Gardner, daughter of Con-gressman Augustus Peabody Gardner, who is a son-in-law of Senator Lodge.

Richard A. Charles, who died on November 6, last, leaves his sisters, Amelia Charles and Mary Charles, \$600 each, by his will filed for probate in the District Supreme Court today. By the terms of the will, which was drawn in April, 1913, the residue of the estate is given to a third sister, Vera K. Charles, who is named as exe-cutrix.

SENATE SIDETRACKS SHEPPARD DRY BILL

The Measure Meets Temporary Check When Immigration Plan Is Taken Up.

The District prohibition bill was temporarily sidetracked today when the Senate, on motion of Senator Smith of South Carolina, took up the immigration bill The body will consider it until it is voted on and passed. Senator Sheppard had a conference with Senator Smith and it was agreed with Senator Smith and it was agreed between them the immigration bill should be taken up first. Consequently, when, at the close of morning business, Senator Smith moved to take up the immigration bill there was no contest.

Senator Sheppard said later that he consented to have the immigration bill taken up first because the Democratic caucus last session voted the Immigration bill should be considered at the outset of this session. He said the prohibition bill would be brought up as soon as the immigration bill was out of the way.

"GET OUT OR FIGHT

Bandit Leader Quoted in Interview With Reporter as Planning Attack.

IS DEFI FROM VILLA

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 .- "I am going to drive the Americans out of Mexico or make them fight."

This is the declaration of Francisco

Villa, as reported in an interview printed by the New York Evening World today. Thorkel Flood Mortensen, the interviewer, says he went to Villa's headquarters at Quinta Luz the second day of the occupation of

the second day of the occupation of the city of Chihuahua.

"Do you know the mayor of El Paso?" Villa asked. "Do you know what he did? Chased my wife out of the country like a common peon woman on the street, and took her diamonds and rings away from her.

"Tell that fellow that if he were a man he would come down and fight with me, and not fight with a woman who is a stranger in his country. I know him: he is an avocado for the cientificos and Hipolitome Hermano (Villa's brother)—did not the North Americans try to murder him?

Pershing Has To Ge.

Pershing Has To Go. "Do you Pershing? Pershing is vio lating the sacred rights of Mexico and has got to get out. I will show them poco tiempo that they cannot violate Mexican rights .

"Do you know Wilson? I was his friend. I liked him, but at Agua Prieta he turned traitor to me and the cause I represented and helped Carransa—the bad man of Mexico. Is there any wonder that I chase the Americans out of Mexico?" What He Will Do.
Asked what he intended to do, he

fight, and after they are gone I will make a gap between the two countries so wide and deep that no American will ever be able to steal Mexican land, gold or oil.

"General," Villa was asked, "how could you make the daring attack on Colonel Slocum's forces at Columbus and get away across the big plains?"

Caught 'em Asleep. "Easy," Villa answered, "I was awake; they were sleeping, and it ook them too long to wake up." "You must have had many men."

"Yes, I had about 300." "Yes, I had about 300."

The interviewer said he was careful not to ask Villa about his injured foot, on the advice of General Slazar, with whom he first talked and also, by the same general's advice, not to contradict Villa, in any way.

Villa's foot is still stiff, he said, though the wound received in the battle at Guerrero has healed.

HEAR CASE JANUARY 8

Court Sets Date for Adamson 8-Hour Argument.

The United States Supreme Court will hear arguments in the Adamson eight-hour law test case January 8. The court set the date today when Government lawyers asked that the case be expedited as much as possible. The Adamson law goes into effect

January 1. By agreement between railroad and Government attorneys the Adamson law will not be enforced until the Supreme Court hands down its opinion.

TO DISCUSS INCREASES

Citizens' Body Take Up Raising

Low Salaried Employee First.

sociation, to be held this evening at the Northeast Temple.

The members of the association's executive committee are, convinced that if Congress provides more pay for District employes it should begin with the low salaried positions and work up, rather than begin with the men who draw the highest pay and work down.

Colonel Hart's proposition for the establishment of a ferry from the foot of Seventh stret to Potomac Park will be given consideration, as will

will be given consideration, as will also the tax on intangible property, and certain features of the law regulating the sale of drugs and poisons.

Evan H. Tucker will preside at the

BONUS FOR EMPLOYES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 .- The Union Bag and Paper Corporation today an nounced a Christmas bonus of 10 per cent of salaries for all employes, pay-able quarterly installments, beginning December 15.

Atlantic Coast Line. Florida-Augusta-Cuba-South, trains daily, 1608 N. Y. ave. N. W.

GRILLS EXPERT ON INTANGIBLE PEPCO ASSETS

Corporation Counsel Syme Asks Company's Expert About \$4,000,000 Valuations.

SHARP EXCHANGES RESULT

Witness Rebuked by Commissioners for His Objections to Some Questions:

Tracing out the origin of more than 4,000,000 in "intangible" items like the "conceivers' compensation" of \$700,000, "brokerage and commissions" of \$700,000, "development charges" of \$2,115,323, etc., which Consulting En-gineer Harold Almert, of the Potomac Electric Power Plant, included in his valuation of that property, occupied the attention of the Public Utilities Commission and their experts and counsel during most of today's crossexamination of the expert at the Die

trict building. There are five big items that the commission is anxious to have fully explained, Corporation Counsel Syme declared. These represent no specific investment or appropriation and are computed by the company as being fair amounts upon which to fix a definite valuation of the property and thus serve as a basis for making rates.

ng principal sums: Development charges, \$2,115,323. Conceivars' compensation, \$652,000. Brokerage and commissions, \$700,-

Principal Sums.

Among these items are the follow

Legal, francTise, and entertainment, \$262,000.
Engineers' fees, \$60,000.
Pre-organization charges, \$25,000.
There are several other larger items that have not yet been reached in the tabulation of the company's valua-Several Sharp Exchanges.

The six that are stated were the

principal ones taken up today, and they led to several sharp exchanges between the members of the commission and the witness and the commis sion's counsel and the witness. Witness Almert objected to what he

Witness Almert objected to what he said were Corporation Syme's habit of asking "catch" questions.

Commissioner Brownlow took occasion to tell the witness that it was not for him to try to determine what Mr. syme might happen to be thinking about any of the questions asked, but that he was supposed to answer Mr. Syme's questions.

On another occasion Commissioner Newman insisted that the witness had not answered a question that had been asked him.

Rebukes Witness These passages were followed by a that the object of the commission is to secure some data on which a fair valuation of the company's property can be reached, and that it is business of the witness to answer the

business of the witness to answer the questions put to him as they are put, and not to seek to place his own construction on what is passing in the mind of the counsel when he asks the questions.

The fact that the figures in the company's valuation sheets are based on the quotations for July 1, 1916, and not on July 1, 1914, as is the case with the estimates of the commission's experts, was brought out with considerable emphasis at the beginning of today's hearing, through a series of questions which Commissioner Kutz put to Engineer Almert.

Absolute Comparisons.

Absolute Comparisons Commissioner Kuts stated that the ommission desired to be set exactly right on this question because it wish

ed to institute absolute comparisons with the figures of the company and those prepared by Engineer Pillsbury those prepared by Engineer Pillsbury for the commission. The Commissioner asked specifically with regard to the prices for labor, concrete, copper, and poles.

The answers that were given by Engineer Almert were principally to the effect that the 1916 prices had been used as the basis.

It was developed that the manner in which the company had conducted its valuation was to obtain the 1916 prices for various items and then deduct from the total amount spent for them during the history of the concern, the amount spent during the two years 1915 and 1916, giving the remainder as the proper charge in valuation figures as of July 1, 1914, the time when the commission's valuation is supposed to have been made.

\$600,000 Spent in Time.

Previous testimony has indicated that the total additions to the plant Opposition to any increase in the of the company since 1914, that is salaries of the higher officials of the total amount of money spent on of the company since 1914, that is, District until the low salaried clerks have been given an increase is to be made one of the special subjects of discussion at the meeting of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association, to be held this evening at the Northeast Temple.

The members of the association's executive committee are, convinced that if Congress provides more pay for District employes it should begin with the low salaried positions and work up, rather than begin with the men who draw the highest pay and work down.

Colonel Hart's proposition for the establishment of a ferry from the District until the low salaried clerks additions, etc., has been about \$600.

Sought Definite Basis. Expert Almert explained that he had thought it best to compute on definite basis because the reproduction of the plant was for 1916, as he had found it. It was, however, he said, based on prices for all these

said, based on prices for all these years.

He said that some of the prices used in the computation was less than it was in 1914. He cited turbines as one of these prices. He said that the labor, poles, etc., were some of the things on which there might be differences, but that he could not answer as to other items. He said, however, the company had the figures, and that they would be furnished to the commission.

The item of the "conceivers' compensation," was the first of the intangibles taken up by the corpora-